

**Introduced by Senators Denham and Cogdill**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 53—Relative to California Highway Patrol Officer Earl H. Scott.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 53, as introduced, Denham. California Highway Patrol Officer Earl H. Scott Memorial Highway.

This measure would express the Legislature's condolences and heartfelt sorrow for the tragic loss suffered by the California Highway Patrol and the family and friends of Officer Earl H. Scott as a result of Officer Scott's untimely death in the line of duty, would express its appreciation for the service and dedication of Officer Scott, and would commend and recognize the professionalism, bravery, and selflessness of Officer Scott in the performance of his duties. The measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 99 in the County of Stanislaus, as the California Highway Patrol Officer Earl H. Scott Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol Officer Earl H. Scott
- 2 was born October 22, 1969, in Banning, California; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Officer Scott was a reserve officer for the Modesto
- 4 Police Department from June 1996 to August 2000; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Scott was a state correctional officer at  
2 Sierra Conservation Center for approximately six years, until 2001,  
3 and had qualified to be a member of the S.W.A.T. team; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Scott, the son of a retired California  
5 Highway Patrol Sergeant, joined the California Highway Patrol  
6 in 2001, and started his career in Santa Cruz, but transferred to  
7 Modesto after six months; and

8 WHEREAS, In the early morning hours of February 17, 2006,  
9 Officer Scott, 36, was tragically killed in the line of duty just two  
10 days short of his fifth year anniversary as a highway patrolman,  
11 when he was fatally shot during a traffic stop on State Route 99  
12 outside Ripon, California; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Scott is remembered by his friends and  
14 neighbors as a fun-loving, energetic, intelligent, open, generous,  
15 friendly, and down to earth person who was always willing to put  
16 aside his own concerns to help a friend; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Scott is survived by his mother Judy  
18 Whitney, his father and stepmother William and Terrie Scott, his  
19 sister Lena Tate, and many beloved family members and friends;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Officer Scott will be greatly missed by his family  
22 and by all who knew him, and he will always be remembered for  
23 his professionalism, hard work, and dedication to the California  
24 Highway Patrol; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature expresses its condolences  
27 and heartfelt sorrow for the tragic loss suffered by the California  
28 Highway Patrol and the family and friends of Officer Earl H. Scott  
29 as a result of Officer Scott's untimely death in the line of duty,  
30 expresses its appreciation for the service and dedication of Officer  
31 Scott, and hereby commends and recognizes the professionalism,  
32 bravery, and selflessness of Officer Scott in the performance of  
33 his duties; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Legislature designates the portion of State  
35 Highway Route 99 one mile before and one mile after its  
36 intersection with Hammett Road, in the County of Stanislaus, as  
37 the California Highway Patrol Officer Earl H. Scott Memorial  
38 Highway; and be it further

39 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
40 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the

1 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this  
2 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate  
3 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
4 further

5 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
6 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
7 author for appropriate distribution.

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